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CITY OF SAN DIEGO HELPS SAN DIEGANS SECURELY RECYCLE TAX FILES IN CONJUNCTION WITH NATIONAL *CLEAN YOUR FILES WEEK*

City Businesses Produce Two-Thirds of Paper in the Miramar Landfill's Waste Stream

San Diego, CA—The City of San Diego Environmental Services Department and Allan Company are partnering to help San Diegans dump their taxes...that is, recycle outdated tax files at the City's Miramar Recycling Center during Tax File Recycling Week from April 12 -18, 2003. Allan Company will provide secure containers for San Diegans to drop off old files before they are shredded and recycled at an offsite location at the end of the week.

"Twenty-five percent of all the waste in the Miramar Landfill is paper that could have been recycled," said Richard L. Hays, director of the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department. "Since the City does not accept shredded paper through our curbside recycling program, we thought it was imperative to offer people an alternative to shredding their confidential tax files at home and tossing them in the trash. Our tax file drop off will help people keep their personal information confidential and allow people to do their part to help the environment by recycling."

The Tax File Drop Off is free to all San Diegans and is held in conjunction with the nationally recognized "Clean Your Files Day," which is designed to encourage people to recycle excess paper waste. Both residential and business tax files will be accepted.

The Miramar Recycling Centers is located at 5165 Convoy Street, San Diego, CA 92111 and is open from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information about recycling tax files or for general recycling tips and information please call (858) 694-7000.

Sponsored by the United States Conference of Mayors, National Clean Your Files Day is a nationwide celebration of recycling in which more than 250 cities, business, and organizations participate each year. Businesses and organizations that would like to implement a recycling program for the official Clean Your Files Day, Earth Day Event on April 22, 2003, can register and download a tool kit at www.CleanYourFilesDay.org/.

The City of San Diego Environmental Services Department is charged with refuse collection and disposal, recycling and environmentally sound landfill management to meet the City's long-term disposal needs. For more information on Environmental Services, visit its web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/>.

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